

# SENATE BILL No. 351

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 34-18-10-20.

**Synopsis:** Medical review panel. Permits a member of the medical review panel to participate by telephone if the personal attendance of the member would be impractical or would impose a hardship.

**Effective:** July 1, 2007.

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January 11, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 115th General Assembly (2007)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning civil procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 34-18-10-20 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2       FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 20. (a) Either party,  
3       after submission of all evidence and upon ten (10) days notice to the  
4       other side, has the right to convene the panel at a time and place  
5       agreeable to the members of the panel. **However, if the chairman**  
6       **determines that the personal attendance of a member of the panel**  
7       **is impractical or would impose a hardship on the member, the**  
8       **chairman may permit the member to participate by telephone.**  
9       Either party may question the panel concerning any matters relevant to  
10      issues to be decided by the panel before the issuance of the panel's  
11      report.

12      (b) The chairman of the panel shall preside at all meetings.  
13      Meetings shall be informal.



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